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**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No. 2004P03345US**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Application for

Stephen R. Barnes, et al.

App No.: 10/807,681

Filed: March 24, 2004

Title: **SYNTHETIC ELEVATION  
APERTURE FOR ULTRASOUND  
SYSTEMS AND METHODS**

Examiner: Jaworski, F.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1-34 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2004 to which a response is due December 17, 2004, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-11) without traverse for continued prosecution and without prejudice to the non-elected Group II (Claims 12-26), Group III (Claims 27-32), and Group IV (Claims 33-34).

If the Examiner has any questions, Applicant invites the Examiner to call at the contact number given below.

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